Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Election/Restriction Requirement dated February 6, 2003 (Paper No. 4), the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-9) or Group II (claims 10-20). Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-9) for examination and respectfully request formal examination of this application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

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